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City Councillor
Ward 18 — Davenport



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To: Dufferin Grove Park Area Residents

From: Councillor Adam Giambrone

Re: Tonight's meeting

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I wanted to be with you to participate in tonight's discussion, but I'm unfortunately unable to attend. I hope you'll welcome Erika Manata from my office, who is attending on my behalf and will let me know what happens.

I understand there are those who would still like to meet with me about Dufferin Grove Park issues and of course I'm always happy to do so. I'm glad to hear from you individually, and if there's interest in a larger meeting, I'll be glad to arrange a follow-up to this evening's discussion.

Many of you know me from the time I've spent at Dufferin Grove Park when we've been able to chat. I was recently pleased to present Georgie and the Friends of Dufferin Grove Park with a "Clean and Beautiful City Appreciation Award" for the cob structure. I know firsthand the unique contributions that the park and its friends make to the neighbourhood. It's often said that Dufferin Grove Park should be a model for the City. I think the Parks department's meeting this evening is a great opportunity for the City to treat it as one.

I have been working on a few items of concern that have come to my attention, and I would like to let you know about them. I am meeting with Brenda Librecz, Manager of Park & Recreation, in the next few days, and I'll be sharing your concerns and mine with her. Some of them I've already discussed with her. These include:

1. **Opening the rink:** You want the rink opened by November 26—something the Parks department has resisted. I'm told it will open later because the sun's rays make ice difficult to maintain before later in December. Nonetheless, I know it has worked in the past and will be advocating for the earlier opening.
2. **The path:** The community has long wanted the central path paved in accordance with City policy and like it is in other, similar parks. I am working to have this longstanding dream become a reality in 2006.
3. **The Wallace-Emerson rink:** The Wallace-Emerson community deserves and needs significant investment in its facilities. However, the Friends of Dufferin Grove Park have raised excellent questions about whether the

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roughly \$1 million is being spent as wisely as it should. I've discussed it with Brenda Librecz, Parks Manager, and pending staff and community consultation, the project may be delayed by at least a year to allow for reconsideration.

4. **Playground replacement:** Some people are concerned about the City's plans to replace the existing playground equipment in the south end of the park with new, less interesting and less fun equipment. There are also concerns about the process leading to this decision. While child safety must remain our highest priority, I will support the community's position in favour of either the existing equipment, or at least something *fun* for our kids.

These, of course, are not the only concerns, but they are the ones I want to update you on.

Please enjoy yourselves this evening. I hope to see you in the park soon!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'adam giambrone', written in a cursive style.

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